

To: Council  
Date: June 21, 2007  
Re: Public Works/ACM Report  
From: Tex Bradford

The electric department has a new lineman coming to us from Eastern Colorado. Robert Paulsen has over twenty years of experience beginning his career in north Eastern Nebraska. With the addition of Robert the electric crew is fully staffed. The electric vehicle is here and we will have it at the City picnic as well as city fest for viewing, rides, and etc. If you have not had an opportunity to take it for a spin please do so. We will be collecting data over the next year for comparisons of emissions in relation to a gas vehicle and kWh's produced by coal generation. A comparison of fuel cost will also be part of the process as well as functionality of the vehicle. I will be applying for grant money from the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) to help us offset some cost if I am successful in receiving some funding. The electric infrastructure is complete at the County RV site and the crew is nearing completion of the overhead line located on Vulcan conversion to an underground line.

The water/sewer department equipment building is complete with a few minor fixes left to finish. Equipment and etc. will be moved into the building as schedules allow. Trees have been planted along the fence line of city property on West Virginia and they help to lessen the visual effect of the mud fence previously placed there. The crew has been repairing faulty water and sewer lines. Asphalt patching begins this week where this work has taken place around town. We are pursuing the plan to repair the irrigation canals on N. Main. We have had no luck with having a company access the ditches and make a recommendation as how to precede. Recently a local business owner told me that he had experience in concrete restoration and has a crew who can perform the work. I will be following up with him and keep you informed. We hope to have the work done after the Labor Day Holiday.

The Hwy 50 and Hwy 135 project is moving forward. So far I believe it is progressing as well as can be expected. We may see some asphalt being laid north of town around the 16<sup>th</sup> of July. Roto milling of Hwy 50 and Hwy 135 may start around the same time. I'll keep you informed as things progress.

Rio Grand has been paved with some additional asphalt to be laid at some intersections. It amazes me that the contractor did not complete the job while he was there. By contract the contractor has until the end of June to be complete. South 14<sup>th</sup> Street is about ready to be turned over to the asphalt contractor. The completion date is also the end of June. The pace will have to pick up if they meet the dead line. Terry Zerger and I are doing what we can to get the contractors to complete these projects. Curb and gutter are to be poured on West Georgia in the next week or so I am told. After the concrete cures we will see about getting the asphalt laid. The overlay project for 11<sup>th</sup> street and Spruce has begun. Roto milling was completed last week. City crews began removal of sections of curb and gutter on these streets that is beyond repair this week. A contractor is to begin forming and pouring replacement concrete next week. When the concrete cures we will schedule

for the overlay. The asphalt will be several weeks out I think. We will schedule for the Vulcan Street widening and rebuild in the next few weeks as well.

If you have questions or comments please give me call.

Thanks,

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